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We don't hear anything of the A. P. A. now that the elections are over.

THERE seems to be no doubt that Robert Louis Stevenson, the novelist, is dead. The panegyrists have done their worst and the world will proceed to forget him.

THE legislature should amend the election laws so as to bring the precinct elections on the same day as the county and general elections. There is no good reason for having two different election days.

THE poets have all gone to their reward at last, the jingle-writers have increased with a rapidity that menaces the permanency of republican institutions. The English language is rich in words that can be made to rhyme.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND declined to receive the emissaries of ex-Queen Lil except as private citizens a long way from home on their late visit. He had fallen down once in trying to set the deposed old girl back in her high chair and don't care to renew the contract.

A GEORGIA sheriff chased a criminal into South Carolina, and telegraphed the sheriff in the latter state who captured the fugitive not to return him, but to give him a suit of tar and feathers. The South Carolina official wired back that his state would donate the tar, but that Georgia would have to foot the bill for the feathers, which cost two dollars.

WHEN the "Emancipation of women" has reached a point at which the support of the husband and little ones devolves upon the female head of the family the emancipation of the subdued sex will begin and men in petticoats and lace collars will prance the rostrum before conventions and legislatures pleading for leave to hustle again on their own hook.

REPRESENTATIVE HINKLE has introduced a bill providing that a money collected for school purposes in any county, from whatever source, shall be turned into a common fund to be distributed among the districts on the basis of the school census of the respective districts. This is in substance the same bill which he introduced in the last legislature and which met the bitter opposition of the cities and towns. Some means ought to be found to supply better educational facilities to the country districts, but without crippling the towns, most of which have had to create debts to provide proper buildings and apparatus for the benefit of the children within their limits.

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THE lawmakers owe it to the people to provide a more efficacious means of raising funds to carry on the courts in the various counties of the Territory. There is a vast amount of money absolutely wasted in keeping prisoners in jail for months awaiting trial, besides the hardship in too many cases inflicted on the man who is walled. If the relic of the middle ages known as a grand jury could be dispensed with and accused parties bound over directly from the justice's court to the district court, as the Kansas practice is, a vast saving to the taxpayers would be effected; or if the money now expended in oiling this fifth wheel were turned into a regular district court fund it would enable the counties to have full terms twice a year.

If a Democratic legislature does not set the pace this winter for economy in Territorial expenditures it will make the road to the Capital very stony for the next trip. The people had enough of extravagance under the Republican regime. Party service does not give the hungry heelers of any party a mortgage on the property of the tax-payers of the Territory. It seems from reports that the legislature is a small affair in comparison with its employees—the side show instead of the colossal aggregation. The supernumerary pegs for which holes were made should be dispensed with. Just as well let the patronage boss roar as the people.

ENGLAND proposes to lay a submarine telegraph cable from British Columbia to Australia by way of the Hawaiian Islands and asks President Dole's government for a lease on an uninhabited island in the group for a station. It is necessary for the little republic to get the consent of the United States before making the lease, according to a treaty with the former king, and President Cleveland recommends to Congress that it be given.

THE Atlanta Constitution figures that only one murderer in seventy five in this country is hanged, and thus accounts for the frequency of lynchings. This shows that the laxity of courts is responsible for the gravest of crimes—the taking of human life without the form or control of law. There is less danger of hanging the wrong man if the accused is given a legal trial and the extreme penalty inflicted after guilt is proven.

Gov. WATTE laid down the cares of office with some show of grace after his tempestuous two years' attempt to be the state. He had discovered that old Louis's declaration "L'Etat c'est moi" don't go in the far west.

Atlanta Constitution: It is a remarkable chapter in the development of current politics that the New York World presents in its Washington correspondence, reproduced elsewhere, concerning the recent visit of Senator David B. Hill to the white house.

No event of the past few months has created so much talk, and made the tongue of gossip and speculation more active, than this unexpected development of the new year. Of all of those whose relations with the president have been such as to make public the declaration of hostility between them and Mr. Cleveland, Senator Hill is the last with whom reconciliation seemed possible; not that the senior New York senator has not been ever ready to close the constantly widening chasm between himself and the president, as shown in his defence of Mr. Cleveland in the senate and the administration on the stump in the recent New York campaign, but because the apparently studied defiance which controlled the attitude of the president to the senator from his own state, indicated relentless hostility and continued antagonism. The climax of indifference seemed to be reached when Mr. Cleveland became "a man without a home," rather than support, aid or abet the candidacy of Mr. Hill as the Democratic nominee for governor of the state from which the president went to the white house.

Yet, if the World's correspondent is right, the president, humiliated, disgusted, mortified, rebuked and distracted, turns to his bitterest enemy—to the man whose cause but a few months ago was the party's cause, deserted by Mr. Cleveland because Mr. Hill bore the flag—to have him lead him and the administration out of the wilderness of confusion. It is earnestly to be hoped that Senator Hill will be able to pick up the pieces of the wreck of the last two years. He has been called late, however.

Rio Grande Republican: On Monday last word was received here that Frank Rochas was found dead on his ranch in Dog Canyon in the Sacramento mountains. He was found dead in his room, shot through the heart, with a Winchester rifle in his hands. He had fired one shot through the window and an empty shell was lying by his side. A pistol was found under his pillow. He had considerable property, and letters found in his room gave no intimation that he contemplated taking his own life, but on the contrary rather said his friends to believe that he was murdered. He was an old resident of New Mexico, and was loved by all who knew him. At the coroner's inquest it was decided that he had committed suicide.

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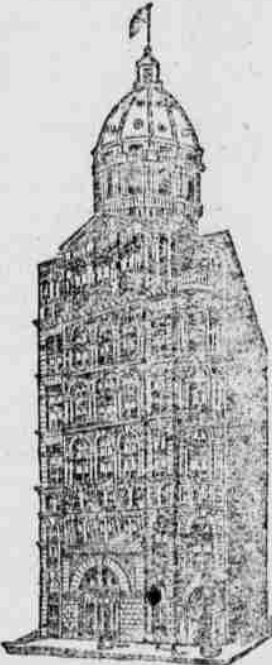
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The Tendency.  
The orchestra was playing the overture. The gallery was already manifesting impatience.

"I suppose," remarked the sourette as she stood before the mirror, "that everybody in the audience will despise me in this costume."

The leading lady mused.  
"You certainly can't be surprised," she rejoined, "if they look down on you."

The sourette merely glanced at her gauze skirt and shivered.—Detroit Tribune.

A Load on Her Mind.  
Mrs. O'Brien—Good morning, Mrs. McCabe. An phwat makes yez look so sad?

Mrs. McCabe—Shure, Dennis was sent to jail for six months.

Mrs. O'Brien—Well, shure, don't worry. Six months will soon pass.

Mrs. McCabe—Shure, that's phwat worries me.—Tit-Bits.

Trained.  
"Mr. Winks is a very pleasant gentleman. Is he married or single?"

"Married, I'm sure."

"Did he speak of his wife?"

"No, but he didn't once forget to lean against the sofa pillows."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

An Eligible Offer.  
The old Count Spolovint has had his callous heart set all aglow by the fiery glances of a bewitching young lady, and he proposes to her in the following terms:

"Signorina, will you do me the honor of becoming my widow?"—Faralla Stillana.

A Point in Mrs. Lease's Favor.  
Mrs. Cawker—I wonder what you would do if I were like Mrs. Lease?

Mrs. Cawker—Be happy.

Mrs. Cawker (incredulously)—Be happy?

Mrs. Cawker—Certainly. She does all her lecturing away from home.—Detroit Free Press.

### An Unfinished Novel.

#### CHAPTER I.

Myrtle Templemore was not a beautiful girl, but she was very good looking and had money in the bank.

That was why she hesitated when Ezra St. Clair offered his hand to her in marriage.

Ezra worked in a restaurant. She did not see that Ezra was putting up very much alongside of her beauty and hard dollars.

"It cannot be, Ezra," said she, nervously tearing at pieces a leaf which she had plucked from a bouquet in her lap.

"Very well," said he. "This evening I take an electric car for Evanston, perhaps never to return."

She heard the gate click as he passed out.

"Will he ever cross my life again?" she pondered.

#### CHAPTER II.

It was the height of the season at Windsor Park bench. Large numbers of people were sitting in the sand. A man with a guitar and a mouth organ had just taken up a collection.

"That face! That face!" gasped Myrtle Templemore, clutching by the arm her gentleman friend, Claude Stebbins, who was junior proprietor of one of the largest feed barns on the West Side.

"What's hitting you?" asked Claude tenderly.

"It's all over now," said she, laughing nervously.

But all the way home on the street car she was despondent.

#### CHAPTER III.

"It is a proposal of marriage from Claude," said Myrtle as the postman handed her a letter and she saw on the envelope "return in 10 days to Howles & Stebbins, feed and boarding stables, Sangamon and Morgan streets."

And as she opened the letter and saw the neat picture of a double seated wagon at the top of the page her suspicions were confirmed. Then she thought of Ezra St. Clair.

#### CHAPTER IV.

"Shall I, or shall I?" moaned Myrtle, crushing the letter in her hand and looking out of her bedroom window at the stars twinkling above.

It was late at night.

She should have been in bed.

And the morning light, gray and cold, broke in at the window and found her there, still thinking.

#### THE END.

—Chicago Record.

Some Gentle Home Exercise.

